GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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GRANTS TO NGOs FOR RUNNING DAY CARE CHILD CENTRES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of Non-Government Organisations havemanaged to obtain huge amount as grants-in-Aid from the Government for running Day Care Child Centres in the country as reported in the Bandematram dated 26th September, 2003;

(b) if so, the number of such N.G.Os. and the total amountobtained by them fraudulently as grants-in-aid during the last three years; and

(c) the steps taken to recover the amount from these N.G.Os?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI JASKAUR MEENA)

(a) The report in the Bandematram dated 26th September 2003 relates to an evaluation study conducted by Sankalap, a Non-Governmental Organization. The study reports that out of 189 creches 43 were not physically functioning at the addresses indicated as the location of the service under the Scheme. After the study was published, the Department deputed officers to the States of UP, AP, MP and Maharashtra to verify the factual position. 103 creches were inspected out of which 101 creches were found running in these States, though in locations other than those indicated in the Sanction Order. Effective monitoring mechanisms have been set up by the implementing agencies of this Scheme viz., Central Social Welfare Board, Indian Council for Child Welfare and Bhartiya Adimjati Sevak Sangh are being reviewed by Government.The releases under NCF Scheme are being made afterreceipt o f verification certificates and recommendation of the concerned State Government.

(b) One NGO obtained an amount of Rs.4,69,500/- fraudulently during the last three years.

(c) A civil suit to recover the amount along with interest from the NGO has been filed in a court of Delhi.